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UTAH NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION ACHIEVES ALL TIME RECORD

Oil Production Highest Since 1994

(Salt Lake City, Utah) -- Utah's natural gas producers have set an all time monthly production record of more than 35 billion cubic feet, enough natural gas to supply half a million homes annually. The record was set in March 2008 according to figures reported by operators to the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining. Meanwhile, in the same month oil production in the state achieved its highest monthly production total since May of 1994. More than 1.7 million barrels of oil were produced.

"Market conditions continue to drive production," said Gil Hunt, associate director for oil and gas. "Although the division has been processing fewer applications to drill, high prices and increasing demand continue to fuel energy development."

Uintah County is the state's largest producer of natural gas. More than 218 billion cubic feet were recovered last year. Carbon County followed in second place with more than 90 billion cubic feet produced and Duchesne County was responsible for producing just over 25 billion cubic feet. Duchesne County jumps to the number one spot in oil production followed by Uintah County and then San Juan County.

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining maintains strict environmental requirements for natural gas and oil development in Utah and also is responsible for preventing waste of these non-renewable resources. In addition, the division protects the ownership rights of landowners affected by energy production. Check the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining's website at www.ogm.utah.gov for more information on Utah's energy and mineral production.

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